

4. (Original) The electricity generation equipment management system as described in claim 2 further comprising:

a service company maintaining and managing operation of said at least one generator unit;
and

said service company receiving instructions from said management center.

5. (Original) The electricity generation equipment management system as described in claim 4 wherein:

said at least one generator unit is a fuel cell electricity generating device;

said service company includes a fuel supply company and a maintenance/management company;

said fuel supply company supplying fuel to said fuel cell electricity generating device; and

said maintenance/management company performing maintenance on said fuel cell electricity generating device and responding to irregularities in said fuel cell electricity generating device.

6. (Original) The electricity generation equipment management system as described in claim 2 wherein said at least one generator unit is used locally by said at least one specific electricity consumer as a home generator system.

7. (Original) The electricity generation equipment management system as described in claim 4 wherein said at least one generator unit is used locally by said at least one specific electricity consumer as a home generator system.

11. (Original) The electricity generation equipment management system as described in claim 10 wherein said electricity provider uses the Internet for billing and payment of said electricity supply service fee for said at least one specific electricity consumer.

12. (Currently Amended) An electricity generation equipment management system comprising:

at least one locally installed fuel cell electricity generating device supplying electricity to at least one specific electricity consumer;

a management center monitoring an operation status of said at least one fuel cell electricity generating device via a predetermined network; ~~and~~

a service company maintaining and operating said fuel cell electricity generating device based on instructions received from said management center;

a database for storing information about irregularities issued from said at least one fuel cell electricity generating device in association with information relating to said service company corresponding to said irregularity information; ~~and~~

means for notifying said service company associated with said irregularity by looking up said database upon detection of an irregularity in said at least one fuel cell electricity generating device; and

said management center billing each of said at least one specific electricity consumer a maintenance and operating service fee based on information stored in said database.

